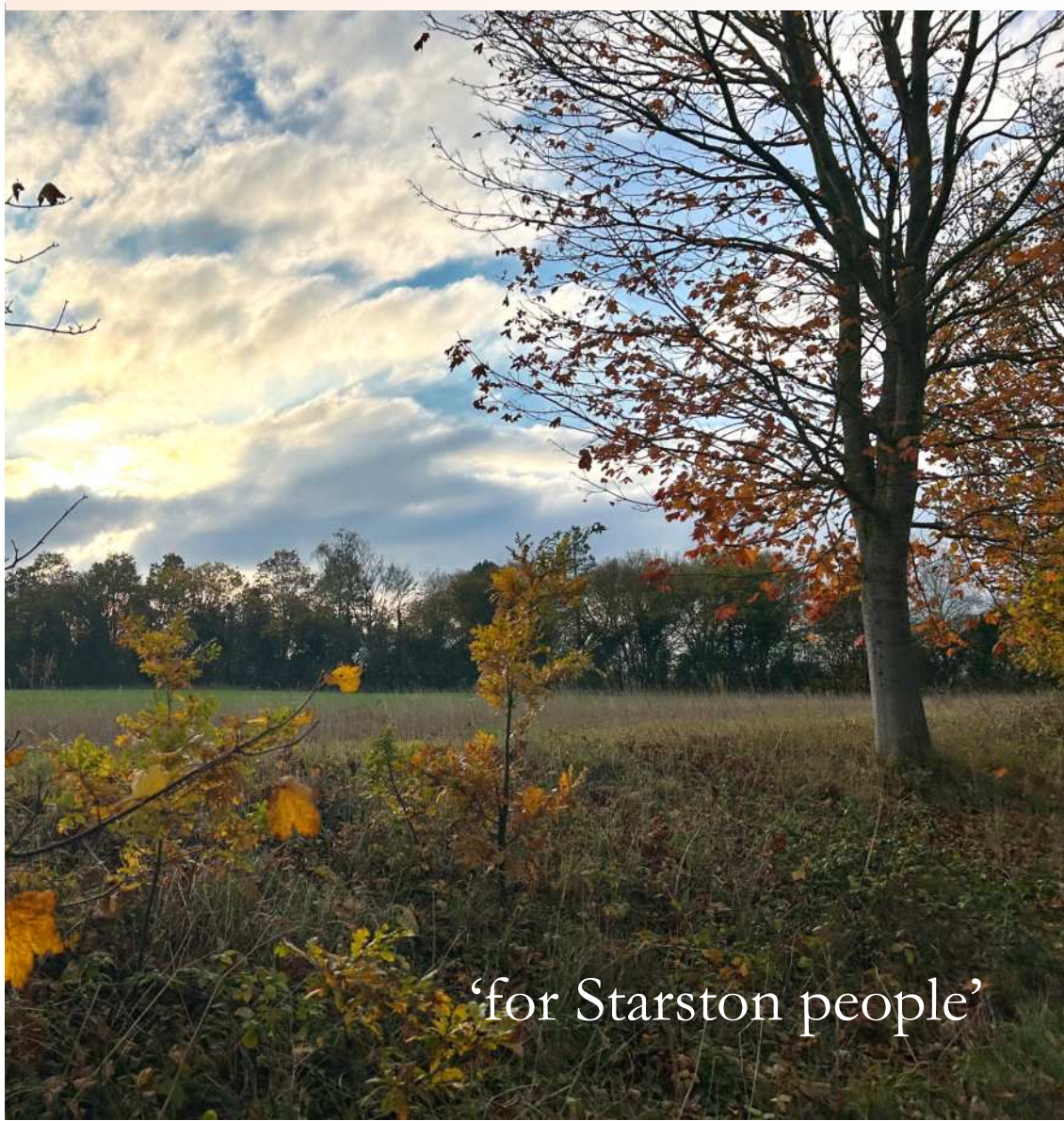
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Village diary.

Warm Welcome lunch in the Jubilee Hall	Wednesday 2nd December	11.30am
Wild Winter Fair – Jubilee Hall	Saturday 12th December	2.00pm
Christingle family service at St. Margaret's	Sunday 13th December	4.00pm
Annual Carol Service at St. Margaret's followed by mince pies and mulled wine	Sunday 20th December	6.00pm

A full timetable of all church services within the benefice in December is shown on page 26.

My sincere apologies for the inexplicable error in the date of Remembrance Sunday in last month's diary. Thankfully, it was correct in the church services timetable on page 26.

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Starston Jubilee Hall is available to hire for activity classes, family parties, meetings, informal gatherings, etc. Its capacity is approximately 60 people, or 40 people if seated. The Hall has kitchen facilities, fast broadband and some private parking.

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Around and about.

Harleston Historical Society at St John's church.

December 10th at 2.00 pm

Harleston and District Historical Society meet in St John's Church on Broad Street on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings start at 2:00 pm and last about two hours. They usually consist of a speaker on an aspect of local, regional or national historical interest. Meetings take place in St John's Church which has a wonderful sound system and two large TV screens. Parking is available in the car park to the side of the church. Refreshments are available.

Pennoyer Centre – Christmas quiz.

Friday December 11th 19.00 to 22.30

Join in the festivities at our Christmas Quiz; by decorating your table and wearing your Christmas jumper, sparkles or Christmas accessories. Fully Licensed Bar with guest ale from the barrel. Quiz entry fees (£5pp) payable on the night – cash preferred if possible but card machine available. Fish and Chips (other options available) can be ordered on the night.

This is a fundraising event to support The Pennoyer Centre Charity Registered Charity No. 1135788

Harleston Gardening Club.

December 10th at 7.15pm (for 7.30)

If you enjoy meeting new people, socialising, gardening, garden gossip and tips, and native flora, you'll almost certainly enjoy Harleston's Garden Club. We are a friendly, informal group with varied meetings, some with a guest speaker and others where members mingle with each other, having discussions, sharing ideas, what's happening in their gardens, etc. whilst enjoying a cuppa and cake. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7.15pm for 7.30 at The Swan Hotel. Just come along or for more information call either 07936 597671 (Paul) or 07749 733428 (Bev). Visitor cost £5.

Regular 'what's on' information.

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Editor's notes.

As I write this, Christmas is hurtling towards us at what seems like a frightening pace. I can only hope you are more prepared for the festive season than we are.

We have just laid 240m^2 of turf so the recent rain is very welcome. If it stops soon! I had looked up the rules relating to hosepipes, sprinklers and new laid turf, but don't need to worry now. It's also helping to refill our pond after the drought. The twenty to thirty ducks that fly in every morning and out again every evening seem to be enjoying it. Or maybe it's the large amount of black sunflower seed we feed them!

We encourage contributions to Pigeon Post from villagers and all those with a connection to the village, past or present. The article can be a personal one or on a topic of local or general interest.

We also welcome photographs and will feature what we can where we have space. Please send all contributions to me at: *pigeonpost19@gmail.com*

This month we have a very rich variety of articles and features including the return of what I hope will be a regular recipe feature. We also have all our regular features, many with a festive feel to them.

Craig



Photograph by Philip Astor. More photos from the village fireworks on pages 8 and 9.

Starston village fireworks.

When Justine and I moved into the Old Rectory in the autumn of 2019, the very first event we attended in the village was the firework display on the Glebe Meadow. I can still recall the warm welcome we received from everyone we met, and the strong sense of community spirit that was apparent as we assembled outside the Jubilee Hall and on the meadow itself.

How wonderful it is that some things in Starston don't change, and if so, only for the better. For this year's firework party was yet another triumph. But I really don't think it was my imagination that the pyrotechnics seemed to burst brighter, the rockets fly higher, and the whole show last longer.

The crowd was certainly bigger. Astonishingly, there were more than 120 people present, all associated with Starston in some way, and of whom a quarter were children. The atmosphere was as convivial as those of us who have lived here a while have come to expect but duly confirmed by a family who had only been living in the village for a week. Needless to say, the Starston Allstars got the evening off to a lively start, of course.

Behind the scenes, the organisation was exemplary and apparently effortless. There were numerous eager volunteers (far too many to list here, I'm afraid) who knew precisely where and when they should fulfil their designated role – whether it was to serve tea and tasty hotdogs, distribute sparklers, manage traffic, or of course light the fireworks. Coordinating the whole affair with consummate calmness was Ann Leitch, who deserves huge credit for ensuring that, as is so often the case in Starston, this small community was able to produce and enjoy an event that punched well above its weight.

Philip Astor

Photographs from Jessica Causton, Philip Astor, Jessica Crowe and Craig Marven













Notes from a festive Starston gardener.

Now rest you merry, gardeners all, let nothing you dismay,
Remember we can take our ease upon this Christmas Day,
Leave fork and rake and secateurs all in the garden shed
And get blotto by a cosy fire instead – comfort and joy
And get blotto by a cosy fire instead.

'Twixt Christmas and New Year the urge to garden is not strong
I'll stay indoors, have a glass or three, and ponder hard and long
On gardening efforts this past year that just went horribly wrong.
Oh, tidings of sadness and of woe, sadness and woe
Oh, the problems that have left me feeling low.

The courgette seeds that stubbornly refused to germinate
Despite the fact they were within the packet's sowing date;
The mole that dug its tunnel right beneath my parsnip rows
Oh, tidings of sadness and of woes, sadness and woes
My harvest this year has been very low.

The runner beans just didn't set – too few to make a dinner.
The lettuce bolted faster than an Olympic medal winner.
Watering is drudgery with just a watering can -
Oh, tidings of global climate change, climate change
Oh, tidings of global climate change.

But what the hell it's Christmas, nearly 2027
(Another year of gardening hell - or maybe gardening heaven?)
So forget the past and raise a glass to gardeners near and far
Oh, tidings of (Southern) comfort and joy, comfort and joy
Or whatever else you fancy in your jar.

Cheers! Happy Christmas, one and all.

Dee the Gardener

My Christmas homemade sage & onion stuffing.

This really is a 'homemade' recipe as when I make it, I don't weigh anything, just apply my years of home cooking experience to judging the amounts, taking in to account the number of people of course. Below should make a good portion with a Sunday roast for about four people.

I use an electric chopper, but like the pieces not too fine.

Oven temperature same as for any meat roasting, for me about 180 degrees, fan assisted. Cooking time can vary, about 45 minutes usually.

Ingredients:

3 slices of seedy brown bread made into crumbs (or any bread you have).
1 large onion (or 2 small), chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 carrot, peeled and chopped small
Handful of mixed nuts or whatever nuts you have, chopped but big enough to give a 'bite' to the stuffing
About 6 chestnuts if you have them, cut in half.
Ground black pepper to taste plus tiny pinch of chilli (optional)
Salt to taste (or none)
Herbs from the garden if you have them, washed and chopped, Sage, small amount of Rosemary (well chopped), Thyme (destalked) if you have it and a good pinch of mixed dried herbs. All to your taste.

Method:

Combine all the ingredients. A little water or stock to combine everything but not too much. Mixture should be damp enough to hold together but not wet. You can add an egg, but I usually don't.

Grease a dish for the oven and pile in the mixture, press down lightly. I aim to use a deep dish so that when its all cooked, the top is a bit crunchy but soft underneath.

If you have 'roasting' fat and juices, pour some over the top (or drizzle a little olive oil). Cover dish with foil or lid. Remove this 15 minutes before taking it out of the oven to let the top brown and become a bit crispy. But keep an eye on it, don't let it get too brown.

This is a very versatile accompaniment to a dinner, you can leave out what you don't have, also add chopped dried fruit, change the herbs or use more or less of anything as suits you.

Christina Greathead

County council report.

I am honoured and privileged to represent you as the Norfolk County Council Member for East Depwade. I talk to many residents and businesses on a daily basis, working to improve the issues which matter to you most. Within the division, I attend eight Parish/Town Council meetings a month, namely Brockdish and Thorpe Abbotts, Dickleburgh and Rushall, Needham, Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary, Redenhall with Harleston, Scole and Starston. I also visit and support organisations such as Harleston Library, Waveney Foodbank, Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, local charities and community groups whilst also championing our fantastic local businesses.

As you may have read, local government reorganisation has now been scrapped. I believe this will both save money and allow the council to focus its energy on more important issues such as increasing the efficiency of frontline services. However, as NCC has a £900 million debt, difficult decisions will still have to be taken in order to strike a balance between dealing with the deficit alongside protecting services and keeping council tax increases as low as possible.

As Deputy Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I am involved with looking at innovative technology and new ways in which we can be better at repairing road defects such as potholes and how we can invest in preventative measures, making residents' journeys smoother and our villages safer.

I am delighted to announce that from Sunday 3rd January 2027, Harleston, Scole, Dickleburgh, Starston, Pulham Market and Pulham St Mary will benefit from a two-hourly Sunday bus service to and from Norwich City following a successful campaign since I took office to bring funding and stronger transport links to East Depwade.

I have been meeting with officers at Norfolk County Council to take action on flood resilience and have been involved in putting together the winter gritting programme, making sure that we are prepared for whatever a harsh winter may throw our way.

A feasibility study on the Town Car Park Access (adjacent Co-op Car Park) in Harleston has now started with officers at Norfolk County Council assigned to their roles to assess what changes are needed to help ease the traffic sensitive nature of the town, support local businesses and make residents journeys smoother. Have your say by contacting me via the email address below.

Help with heating oil costs is available for those in need:
https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/81837/Help-with-heating-oil-costs

Best wishes,
Cllr Joseph Kerrison
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What's on at Harleston Library.

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We would like to say a great big thank you to all of you who have supported our groups and events throughout the year. Harleston Library is YOUR library so if there are any groups or activities that you would like to see happening, please share your ideas with us.

We wish you all a very, Merry Xmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and please join us for a special, Xmas Family Time for Xmas-themed games and crafts on Wednesday 23rd December from 2.00pm.

Our Christmas opening hours:

Thursday 24th December	- The library will be closing at 12.00 noon
Friday 25th December	- Closed all day
to Monday 28th December	- Closed all day
Tuesday 29th December	- Normal Tuesday opening hours
Wednesday 30th December	- Normal Wednesday opening hours
Thursday 31st December	- The library will be closing at 4.00pm
Friday 1st January	- Closed all day
Saturday 2nd January	- Normal Saturday opening hours

Saturday the 14th of February 1976.

Reading Janice's recent article on 9/11 has prompted me to share my own experiences from 50 years ago.

In 1975 after leaving design college, I was working as a seamstress in a clothing factory. A colleague, Kit, knew I was looking for something different, so her son, who was a croupier in London, got me an interview.



Off I went on the train to the exclusive Victoria Sporting Club in Edgware Road and was accepted on to a 6-week training course to deal American Roulette. A glamourous job in those days, wearing an evening gown with lots of effort made to hair, make-up and nails. At 18, I was the youngest on the course and much to my surprise, found I was good at mental arithmetic. As a result, I was one of only three on the course that was offered a position.

I moved to live with my aunt in London and drove my Mini to work each day. I soon settled into the job and was doing well.

To set the scene, this was the winter of 1975/76. The country was on high alert as the IRA were setting off numerous bombs, and London was a hotspot. There was signage everywhere to beware of parcels or bags being left unattended and TV adverts asking you to report any suspicious activity. But the club was searching all bags and body-searching the men, which gave us an illusion of a safer working environment.

We were given a briefing on how to look for wires under our parked cars as car bombings were becoming more frequent. After checking for wires, I would hold my breath as I turned the key in the door and then in the ignition every night.

Saturday the 14th of February 1976. To me it was just a normal shift. I had chipped for 20 minutes and was now in my 20 minutes of dealing on the wheel when there was a sudden loud explosion followed by dust, smoke, rubble and screaming as it blew through the wall in front of me. It also blew out the main staircase to the club.

Different people react differently to shock. The security team quickly formed a human shield stopping people going down the now non-existent stairs. But such was the instinct to get out, a few fights broke out. Everyone around me was screaming or shouting. People were climbing over the rubble and over the injured laying on the floor. A few helped others but many were in full self-preservation mode. Security were shouting and having to restrain people from lighting cigarettes as you could now smell gas.

Later, in many of the flashbacks I had, it seemed it was a case of every man for himself.

In my case, I froze! I was the only dealer in the pit who wasn't screaming. Our pit boss had slapped a few faces when he got to me and asked if I was going to scream. I said "no" so he said, "stay where you are, don't move". All the other staff and punters were being led out through the kitchens and down a back staircase, but I stayed put.

Very quickly, the pit bosses were collecting the 'fire bags' from under the tables as they were aware this could be a raid and went into full-on 'money mode'. Some bags full of cash were thrust at me and surrounded by large security guys, I was led to the kitchens and down the back staircase to the porter's office where the fire bags were taken off me and spirited away.

There was a long line of all the staff waiting to use the only phone still working to ring family before this got out on the news. As my reward, the security staff pushed me to the front of the queue and said "she's next!", so I was able to phone my mother. Unfortunately, it had just come out as a newsflash on the BBC and mum was hysterical, but grateful I was alive. Now, remember I still had to check my car for wires in the dark and drive back to my aunt's that night. Not for the faint-hearted!

Amazingly there were no fatalities. The club windows were soon boarded and a temporary staircase installed. The club reopened remarkably quickly. We were later told that the IRA bombers tried to enter the building with the bomb but saw the precautions and had to improvise, placing the bomb in a building adjoining the main casino floor. I also found out there was a second unexploded bomb that was safely defused.

After that, the tension at work was palpable. When a week later a car bomb exploded close by, near Marble Arch, I wasn't so calm. Knees gave way as everybody ducked with the boom from the bomb but soon, realising we weren't the target this time, just carried on. I was dealing at the time, but my hands started shaking. The pit boss pulled me off the floor into the staff room and gave me a large brandy. I was sent home.

The next day I gave my notice in, walked straight into the staff room and asked if anyone wanted to buy a Mini. A hand went up, I sold my car, he drove me to my aunt's, and I got the train home the next day. The end of a promising but short career.

So, it was back on a sewing machine for me!

Lynda Marven

(Photo courtesy of Angelo Giordano/Pixabay)

Parish Council report.

Dear Starston residents,

At the time of writing, the Parish Council has a vacancy. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and would like to know more about what the role involves, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Chairman, Philip Astor.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 18th January at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall. If you would like to attend the meeting, or you would like any matters raised in the public forum, please do email me in advance.

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Jo Madders,
Clerk to Starston Parish Council
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Harleston Choral Society.

Treat yourself to an evening of the most beautiful, seasonal music at our Christmas Concert on Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm at Harleston Sancroft Academy. Amongst our wonderful musicians, we have the talented Norfolk harpist Lucinder Pennick accompanying us during a number of pieces; the ethereal sound, rich history, and the deep physical and emotional connection the harp creates between the player, the instrument and the listener is a joy to experience, making it worth coming along for that pleasure alone! Tickets can be bought from our website, via the QR code on any poster or from any choir member - £15. We look forward to welcoming you!

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Benefice Letter.

Christmas marks the birth of Jesus Christ, a symbol of hope, bringing love, forgiveness, and peace. It is a time when families and friends send cards and messages, exchange presents, enjoy FaceTime together if far apart, or gather over a meal and share memories, fun and laughter. It is a time for children, waiting with excitement for the arrival of Father Christmas and eagerly unwrapping presents.

It is though also a time that accentuates the plight of many who are in distress, anxious, alone, unwell or disabled and especially those who are living in poverty, sometimes having to make the stark choice between putting on the heating or eating. At Christmas, charities share how they serve people, suggesting gifts of money that will help their work. This is essential, enabling professional support for those in need, but as Christians, we are also called to love one another as Jesus loves us and to live out our faith in practical ways. A phone call, a visit, asking someone over for coffee, volunteering in the community, a smile or asking a stranger if they are OK costs us little, but can make a difference and perhaps lead people to find the support they need.

As we head into the Christmas period, let us thank God for the blessings in our lives, ask His forgiveness for the mistakes we have made over the past year, and lift up our heads to look around us to see where we might be of help to others.

I wish you all a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year, and end with a Christmas prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson.



With my love and God's blessing,
Revd. Norman

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen



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Starston honey from Glebe Meadow bees.



Every supermarket sells honey, often very cheap. More than half the honey we import is from China, and some of this is blended (some say adulterated) with other ingredients including sugar syrup. This way it looks and tastes the same all year round, year after year. It may be described on the jar as ‘packed in the UK’ or a 'blend of honeys from more than one country’ or from ‘EU and non-EU countries’. Major UK supermarkets are selling honey as cheaply as 75p a jar. A Daily Telegraph article has described some of these as ‘cabbage water smell with a hint of plasticine’, or 'smelling faintly musky with a hint of mothballs’, or ’smelling of warm plastic, like a car seat on a hot day’!

A true honey will depend on what bees are foraging which varies according to the diversity of plants in gardens, fields, trees, and hedgerows, and according to the weather and when nectar and pollen are abundant at different times of the year. This could be up to a mile from their hive, and when the worker bees locate a good food source, they accurately communicate its location to other bees (incredibly in the darkness of the colony) by means of the 'waggle dance’. Thanks to our Starston farmers and everyone with gardens, we are fortunate to have a wide diversity of nectar and pollen sources around the village, and some excellent local beekeepers, and the result is fabulous individual and local honey. No mothballs or plastic here!

Glebe Meadow honey produced by bees from the Glebe Meadow apiary, managed by the Starston Community Bee Group, is in high demand and stocks are beginning to run low. The 2026 honey harvest was high on quality, but the summer drought meant that plants held onto their nectar for survival, resulting in a lower quantity.

At £5 a jar, there is still some honey remaining for Starston people to buy for themselves and friends at Christmas, but don’t delay. All Glebe Meadow honey proceeds support Jubilee Hall. If you would like some honey, then please ring or call into Starston Grange in Cross Road. And help spread the word about the wonders of local bees doing great things for our local environment.

Peter Grimble
07879 330925 or 01379 852819

Give it a go!

As I've got older, I've been reading about Cosmic Fun Fitness because I've found walking and balance a little difficult. I have always made my days purposeful and active. I have endeavoured to remain fit, that is, making sure that the muscles that drive my body work the best they can and enable me to be able to have some independence in general living, using my hands around the house, being able to pick things up, and doing some housework, some cooking and cleaning; the list goes on, accepting the times that my chair or bed become necessary. I am sure I am describing many people who are in a similar situation. Sometimes a day leaves me thinking, what have I done today?

What a revelation took place as I read Cosmic Fun Fitness; it said, 'Have fun, be focused. As you hear and feel the music, you will find that rhythm encourages your muscles and joints to wake up and begin to participate and move in time to the beat. The more you practise, the easier your body finds moving, and the result brings a smile, laughter, enjoyment and a better day.' Yes, that was what I was reading about Seated Zumba fitness. I rang Sue Kuzmic, the local fitness instructor, with some trepidation, and joined my first class. I arrived and met the class; most had mobility issues and needed to sit. Some found it easier than standing in the full standing Zumba fitness class, which I have to say I enjoyed watching.

The music started, and the seated instructor began the exercises. We, the students, began to follow suit, having been strongly advised not to try and do what was uncomfortable, to enjoy the music and the banter at the end of each section, and to receive encouragement from the tutor. Arms, legs, stomach, neck, shoulders, back, toes, heels and ankles, you realised that all your muscles and joints had been gently but surely activated. The half an hour went by quickly; it was fun, and I personally felt I had achieved something positive. I will be going again. I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone to try it. Go on, ring Sue on 07771745917 or email her at info@cosmicfunfitness.co.uk

With God's blessing,
Norman

Banking Hub now open at Harleston Coop.

The new Banking Hub is now open at the Coop's Harleston Food Store on Bullock Fair Close, giving customers of all major UK banks a convenient place to access essential banking services.

Whether you need to withdraw cash, make a deposit, check your balance or pay a bill, you can visit the Banking Hub on Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

Friends or family visiting with (or without) dogs, but need somewhere to stay?

Blackthorn Retreat is our large homely & cosy secluded shepherd's hut in Starston, and is perfect for reactive dogs, and is set alone in its own 1/3 acre meadow. 4' fencing all around. Wonderful views and walks. Sleeps four (in hut plus new cabin). Kitchen, shower, king-sized bed, air con, under-floor heating, hot tub, fire pit, pizza oven, air fryer oven, loungers, hammock, laundry, games etc

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December quiz – cryptic pop groups.

Name the pop group from the clues below – number of words/letters in brackets

1. Prettier than the north (9-5)
2. Reproductive weapons (3-7)
3. Can't hear the feline (3-7)
4. Young William the musician (6-5)
5. Cinnamon ladies (5-5)
6. Fletcher's prison (5)
7. Crazy road clerics (5-6-9)
8. Jail at a Berlin lake (7-6)
9. They have no moss (3-7-6)
10. Thankful to be gone (8-4)

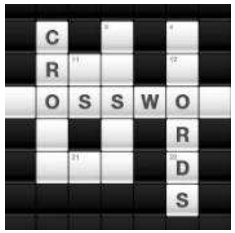
Answers to the November quiz (Norfolk anagrams).

1. Horatio Nelson
2. Mother Julian
3. Margery Kempe
4. James Dyson
5. Edith Cavell
6. Amelia Opie
7. Harriet Martineau
8. Richard Bullard
9. David Cholmondeley
10. Sir Robert Walpole
11. George Vancouver
12. Olivia Colman

Answers to the November crossword.

Across.

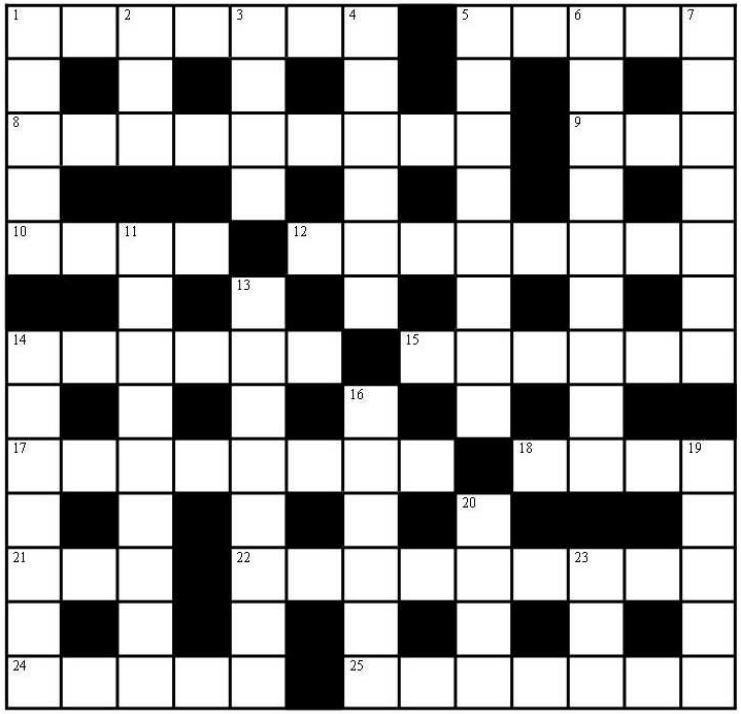
1. ABIDES
4. FOLLOW
7. BALACLAVA
9. FEAR
10. ELSE
11. ROE
12. LIKELY
14. RHYMES
16. ACETYL
18. LAUNCH
20. ICI
21. MACE
23. TURN
24. HYPERICUM
25. EPIMER
26. ELEVEN



Down.

1. ARTFUL
2. DEAR
3. STARRY
4. FILLER
5. LOVE
6. WADERS
7. BACKBENCH
8. ALUMINIUM
13. LAY
15. H,O,A (Home Owners Association)
16. ADMIRE
17. LINEAR
18. LIPIDE (alternative spelling)
19. HUNGEN
22. EYAM
23. TUBE

December crossword by Webbe.



Clues across.

1. Half a half (7)
5. Roman god of desire (5)
8. Gas - C_2H_2 - used in welding (9)
9. Mad Frenchman (3)
10. Test (4)
12. Left in a will (8)
14. Unusual (6)
15. French candle or fragrance (6)
17. Sudden bleed on the brain (8)
18. Two-dimensional space (4)
21. Tour company (3)
22. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (9)
24. Leader of the council (5)
25. The ability to understand or share (7)

Clues down.

1. Tremble (5)
2. To chop with (3)
3. Children have them (4)
4. Medieval stewards (6)
5. Prime Ministerial house (8)
6. A highly venomous snake (9)
7. Eldest son of a French king (7)
11. Feeling of hostility (9)
13. Adjective - Possessing a higher degree of skill (8)
14. Smallest, discrete, indivisible unit of any physical property (7)
16. To dig up or remove something (6)
19. To irritate (5)
20. A journey (4)
23. Not slim (3)

Benefice services in December (tbc).

	6th Dec Advent 2	13th Dec Advent 3	Sat 19th Dec	20th Dec Advent 4	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	27th Dec Christmas 1
Pulham Market	9.30 Communion	9.30 Messy Church	4.00 Christingle	9.30 Communion 6.00 Carol Service	11.30pm Midnight HC		
Pulham St Mary	8.00 BCP Communion	11.00 CW Morning Prayer		5.00 Carol Service	3.00pm Crib Service		10.00am Benefice HC
Starston	11.00 BCP Communion	4.00 Christingle		6.00 Carol Service	11.00pm Midnight HC	10.00 Family HC	
Dickleburgh	9.30 All Age Worship	9.30 Communion	7.00 Carol Service	9.30 Morning Prayer	5.00pm Crib Service	10.00 Family HC	
Thelveton	11.00 Morning Prayer			3.00 Carol Service			
Rushall				7.00 Carol Service			

Dates for
Frenze Carol Service – Tuesday 15th December
Shimpling Carol Service – Thursday 17th December

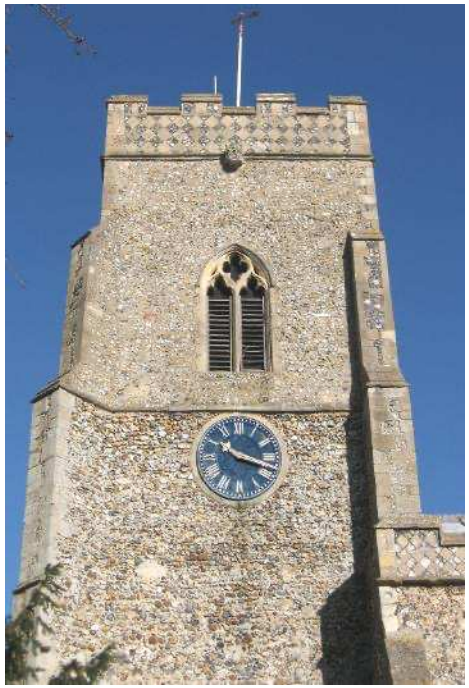
All-age worship - suitable for everyone.

Dickleburgh	9.30am	1st Sundays (breakfast from 9am)
Starston	11.00am	2nd Sundays (breakfast from 10.15am)
Pulham St Mary	11.00am	3rd Sundays (breakfast from 10.15am)
Pulham Market	9.30am	4th Sundays (breakfast from 9am)

For updates on Starston Services contact John Formston 853042 or *jformston07@talktalk.net*

Starston PCC Secretary:
Ruth Cawcutt Tel:01379 852087
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All services are subject to change. For up-to-date information please go to the Benefice Website: *www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/26-107EP/*



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Stuart Griffin:	Member	
Val Baker:	Litter-pick coordinator	
Jake Stone:	Tree warden	
Vacancy:	Emergency plan coordinator	

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Joanne Madders: Clerk to the Council & RFO

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Community services.

Local Buses - from Starston to Harleston and Starston to Long Stratton and Norwich	For information Ring: 0871 200 2233 12p a minute plus access charge
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Police - (non-emergency)	Ring: 101
Safer Neighbourhood Team	Email: *sntharleston@norfolk.pnn.police.uk*
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Report Flooding	Ring: 03448008013
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